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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Lon Thomas
Thomas American Stone
4040 South 300 West
Salt Lake City, Utah 84107

Dear Mr. Thomas,

During the field examination of the Aragonite mill site with Steve Brooks on June 5, 1991, you stated that a reclamation plan had been submitted to Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining. In checking the Division, it became apparent that a reclamation contract had been submitted, but no reclamation plan for the mill site had been prepared. The Board Order dated April 22, 1991, prepared in cooperation with the BLM, required that a reclamation plan be submitted by May 10, 1991. You have been non-responsive to the requirement to submit a reclamation plan and will remain in non-compliance until the reclamation plan has been approved.

During the field examination, a number of specific reclamation measures were described. These are summarized below.

1. Fines from the mill are to be placed in an area south of the mill and not placed on the existing dump, which could be reclaimed. Alternatively, once the existing waste has been cleaned up to the standards expressed in the Board Order and approved by the BLM, placing of mill fines on the dump could resume.
2. Various piles of pellet size crushed rock were to be removed, exposing native soil, and placed on the existing ore stockpile.
3. Trash and tires are to be removed and properly disposed of as per the Board Order.

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4. One small oversize rock pile in the southwest part of the mill site, could be recontoured around the edges, but otherwise left as is for wildlife habitat.
5. Areas around the existing dump and other areas needing recontouring are to be sloped to 3:1.
6. Reclamation of the oversize rock pile along the railroad tracks should be addressed.
7. After recontouring, areas to be reclaimed are to be ripped one foot apart and one foot deep followed by seeding with an approved seed mixture and application rate. After seeding, the area is to be harrowed or otherwise treated so as to cover the seed with about 1/4 inch of soil. Apply seed immediately after ripping, and between September 15 and October 31.

The reclamation plan should also include a map or sketch of the mill site with a description of reclamation to be done in each area. During the field examination, it was observed that tires were being loaded onto trucks for removal. Your timely response would be appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Brooks.

Sincerely,

HOWARD HEDRICK

Howard Hedrick
Pony Express Resource Area Manager

cc: Holland Shepherd

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Compliance Inspection Log for Mining Notices
and Plans of Operation (3809/3802)

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R.A. Pony Express Date Inspected: 6/5/91 Type of Operation: Aragazite mill
Location:

Description of Location and Reclamation Completed: I met Lon Thomas
at the millsite at 10am. Mr Thomas had 2 dump
trucks onsite and was loading tires, presumably for
hauling to the waste dump. I specifically explained
the board order requirements to manifest items
hauling to dump and submit a report.

We also walked around the millsite & discussed
specific details and areas needing reclamation.

Mr Thomas said that he had submitted a reclamation
plan to O.S., Gas, & mining. I will obtain copy from
them & prepare response on any additional needs
to Thomas.

Deficiencies Noted:

Recommended Action: Mr Thomas will contact me in
a couple weeks to check millsite reclamation
progress and we will develop plan for
reclamation of public lands adjacent to
patented claims at mine.

Inspected by:

Steve Brash